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The Chief of Police and other Policemen have been Indicted by the Grand Jury at Tulsa, Oklahoma for Failing to Enforce the Laws, During the Race Riots in that City and for Grafting Right and Left or on the wholesale

The Colored People Should Never Permit Themselves to be Segregated in Any Locality, in Any Section of This Country; for by Doing So, Their White Fellow Christians Have a Splendid Chance to Shoot Them Down Like So Many Rats on the Slightest Occasion

Tulsa, Okla.—Chief of Police John Gustafson was formally accused by a grand jury called to investigate the recent race riots here on five counts in a final report in which Attorney General S. P. Freeling, who conducted the inquiry, told the court he could not fully concur for the reason that it did not include accusations he believed should have been made against other officials and alleged rioters. The jury blamed the armed Negroes who went to the court house on the night of the outbreak for the riot.

In the same report the grand jury indicted four other policemen and seven civilians. The civilians are accused in connection with the race riot. Previously approximately ninety indictments had been returned.

What They Think of Chief

The charges against Chief Gustafson are that he failed to enforce the prohibitory law in Tulsa; that he failed to suppress vice; that he failed to enforce the law against carrying fire arms; that he failed to enforce the law against the theft of automobiles, and to arrest and prosecute persons guilty of such thefts; and that he entered into a conspiracy with Police Officers Bay Ward and Roy Meacham and one Calvin C. Brady in this regard, and that he failed to perform his duty as chief of police in suppressing rioting and looting during the race trouble.

The charge against Roy Meacham is that he, as a police officer, became a member of the conspiracy with Gustafson, Ward and Brady.

Auto Theft Conspiracy

The charge against Bay Ward is that he, as head of the automobile bureau in the city police department, entered into a conspiracy with Gustafson, Roy and Brady to dispose of stolen automobiles. The Sand Springs officers are accused of not enforcing vice and prohibition laws.

The final report of the grand jury was comparatively brief. It found that the race trouble resulted from armed Negroes, marching up town to defend Dick Rowland, Negro, from lynching; that no attempt had been made or was being made to lynch Rowland and the crowd of whites assembled about the court house was largely a peaceful one; that the armed Negroes were responsible for the riot; that the whites who assembled at the court house and took part in the fighting there later were not to blame.

To one at this distance from the scene it is very hard to tell whether or not that the grand jury has not relieved its report up to as to throw the blame for the race riots and all the other evils which followed in its wake, on the shoulders of the colored people.

There is one thing however, which seems to be reasonably certain, and that is that the following stores, homes, churches and other places of business owned and controlled and

belonging to colored people have been completely destroyed, and many of them looted by white vandals: Elliott and Hooker department store building and stock valued at \$100,000. Greenwood St., J. D. Mann, Greenwood Street Grocery, Oklahoma Sun, weekly paper published by Theo. Baughman, building and plant completely destroyed. Ed Howard, barber shop, proprietor killed.

Carter barber shop, Dillard shining parlor, Hardy's billiard parlor, plant and building of Tulsa Star, A. A. Smitherman, editor; Gentry billiard parlor, Newkirk photo gallery, Neil's shoe store, Guests barber shop, Wells cafe, Dreamland theater, Wood's cafe, Dr. Motley's office, Stratford hotel, Mrs. Stratford reported killed. The Stratford hotel was a beautiful three story building, elegantly furnished. William confectionary, Bryant drug store, Nettles barber shop, Gisby hotel, Dixie theater, Docks cafe, Hill building, Bell's barber shop, Red Wing tailor shop, Red Wing Beauty Parlor, Red Wing cafe.

Archer Street

Jackson Undertaking Co., Williams garage, proprietor killed; Elks club, Watson's tailors, East End feed store, Bond's shoe store, Joe Lockes cafe, Clark's tailor shop, office of Attorney Hutchinson, Allen Tailoring Co., Thompson drug store, Douglas barber shop, proprietor's wife shot; Smith's billiard parlor, Wesley Shobes pool hall, Payne tailor and barber shop.

Greenwood Street

Masonic Temple, J. D. Mann's grocery, Anderson grocery, A. M. E. Church building, Rev. Tucker, pastor; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, new structure recently completed at cost of \$85,000, Rev. Whitaker, pastor. Dunbar grade school, for colored, \$100,000 C. M. E. church.

The following were among the most prominent colored people who were not guilty of committing any crimes, but were killed on that bloody invasion:

Dr. A. C. Jackson, Ed Howard, Mrs. Stratford, Mr. Williams, proprietor of Williams garage. Ed Howard was an extensive property owner. Mrs. Stratford and husband were owners of the magnificent Stratford hotel.

It seems that the vast majority of the colored people, living in Tulsa, resided in a segregated district, which made it very easy for the white Christians to corral them and shoot them down, like so many rats, and destroy their property. The outcome of the race riot in that city simply indicates that segregation, after all, is a dangerous thing or experiment, on the part of the colored people, for it enables the whites to single them out, and reap vengeance upon them on the slightest occasion, without causing the loss of life on the part of the whites or the destruction of their property.—Editor.

ices were observed. Every lodge made a good appearance with all paraphernalia and each brother in full Masonic dress.

Among other features of the program Mr. Samuels presented Past Grand Master A. A. Martin with a gold Past Grand Master's jewel for the Grand Lodge in appreciation for six years of most excellent service rendered this Most Worshipful Jurisdiction.

The lodges represented were Ionia No. 46, Cairo, Jas. L. Bondurant, W. M., 2300 Park Ave., J. C. Lewis, secretary, 612 Twelfth Street; Lily of the Valley No. 56, Mounds, Ill., Buford Pierce, W. M., Leonard J. Williams, secretary; Harmony No. 57, Unity, Ill., John Wade, W. M., Milton Vaughn, secretary; Zoroastrian No. 61, Mound City, Ill., Chas. R. Penn, W. M., R. F. D., Cairo, Ill., C. M. Thompson, secretary; Mound City, Ill.; Pride of Egypt No. 73, Ephraim, Ill., John D. Baker, W. M., Jodie Bell, secretary; Delta City No. 78, Cairo, Ill., U. S. Jones, W. M., 219 Twenty-fifth St., Alex. Payne, secretary, 2309 Park Ave., and St.



MR. HARVEY A. WATKINS

The Successful and Up-to-Date Real Estate Broker, Who is Being Urged by His Thousands of Warm Friends to Enter the Race for the Republican Committeeship of the Second Ward in the Spring of 1922.

Joseph No. 95, Cairo, Ill., Henry Vinok, W. M., Route 1; Geo. W. B. Lewis, secretary, Route 5, Box 34.

Pride of Egypt, Ionia and Delta City lodges are purchasing property which either has or will be consecrated to the use of Freemasonry. Everywhere in the sixth district peace and harmony seems to prevail and all appear to be in unison with the policy of the administration. Therefore prosperity abounds notwithstanding the supposed strenuous times. E. C. Hamilton, G. L.; W. A. Davis, P. G. L.; and Geo. E. Maxfield, P. G. J. W., were also present at Cairo.

The success of the affair is due to the efficient efforts of Prof. J. C. Lewis, D. D. G. Master, Dr. W. B. Beatty, R. W. G. Treasurer, and the co-operation of the worshipful masters, wardens and brethren of the district. To them, their families, the members of the various branches of the fraternity, the pastor of the church and the many friends, Mr. Samuels is indeed grateful.

Restores Warrant to St. James No. 85, at Carrier Mills

Prior to the death of our late right worshipful grand secretary, Brother James C. Adams, Mr. Samuels had planned his itinerary to include all the lodges in the jurisdiction, particularly the middle and southern parts of the state. But, as usual, man proposes and God disposes; therefore it is not probable that the program will be entirely carried out as originally planned; however, having the best interests of the craft at heart, every effort will be put forth to see as many lodges as possible.

About two months ago an application was received from several unaffiliated brethren, former members of St. James Lodge No. 85, requesting that their warrant be restored. This request was granted Monday night, June 20th, by the grand master who was assisted by Acacia Lodge, of Harrisburg, Harry Struett, W. M., Huber Jordan, secretary.

The lodge was placed under dispensation a couple of weeks ago but not only has working paraphernalia but has purchased a lot upon which they will erect a temple. The officers are: W. M., Rev. Norton; S. W., H. O. Floyd; J. W., Boyd Barnes; secretary, S. P. Gardner;

treasurer, Ed. Brooks; tyler, Will Rouse and chaplain, Rev. W. H. Spruce.

A reception was tendered the grand master by the brethren assisted by the O. E. S. sisters. Mrs. Ora Partee, a staunch member of the chapter, is largely responsible for the success of the work at Carrier Mills.

MRS. BLANCHE GILMER CONTINUES TO IMPROVE AFTER BEING SEVERELY BRUISED AND SHAKEN UP IN STREET CAR ACCIDENT.

The middle of last week Mrs. Blanche Gilmer, 5123 S. Dearborn Street, adult probation officer of the Juvenile Court, was severely bruised and injured to a considerable extent while in the act of alighting from a street car at Twenty-sixth and State streets.

In suddenly falling from the car, the side of her head struck the pavement causing her severe pain and severely spraining her ankle. Her attending physician is thoroughly convinced that no bones were broken as the X-ray examination so indicated.

The many friends of Mrs. Gilmer hope that she will soon be able to be out again and discharge her duties in connection with the Juvenile Court.

WHITE GIRL CONFESSES ASSAULT REPORT FALSE

Columbus.—Miss Irene Simms, a young woman living in the University residential district, was held in the city prison on a charge of having made a false report to the police.

Two weeks ago she reported two Negro thugs entered her home, bound and gagged her and struck her over the head.

Admitting the report to be false Miss Simms confessed to detectives she had told the story because she wanted her mother to make a fuss over her and give her more attention than a sister was receiving. Miss Simms had pulled out bureau and sideboard drawers, littered the house with paper and articles, put her rings in her mouth, tied a cloth around her face and planned the entire episode, the police contend.

URBAN LEAGUE ADDS LEE TO STAFF

J. R. E. Lee of Kansas City Becomes Membership Secretary

The National Urban League announces that Professor J. R. E. Lee, principal of Lincoln High School, Kansas City, Mo., has become membership secretary and is located at the headquarters of the league, 127 East 23rd Street, New York City. Mr. Lee will have supervision of the national and local financial campaigns of the organization and will have charge of the efforts now being made by the league to enlarge its membership. He is considered a valuable asset to the movement because of his many years of experience in executive work and his energy and thorough acquaintance with handling groups of people.

Mr. Lee was a teacher of Latin and mathematics at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, for ten years at which time he was also educational missionary for the state. He was located at Tuskegee Institute under Booker T. Washington for fifteen years, five years being devoted to the supervision of the Department of Mathematics and ten years to the directorship of the Academic Department. For two years he was in charge of the Alabama State Association of Teachers, at which time he increased the membership from 100 to 700.

He was responsible for the organization of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools in 1904 and was its president for five years and its directing and corresponding secretary for ten years.

He has been principal of the Lincoln High School, Kansas City, Mo., since 1915, during which time the enrollment has increased from 315 to 750.

During the war he was director of one of the Loan Campaigns and was associated with other war drives as a member of the Directing Committee. In the Community Chest Campaign of last fall he was the director of the Negro Campaign Drive, raising approximately \$10,000 in this effort. At present he is chairman of the board of directors of the Community Service Urban League of Kansas City.

ST. JOHN'S DAY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED BY THE COLORED MASONS OF CHICAGO; MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND OF THEM MARCHED THROUGH THE STREETS IN FULL MASONIC UNIFORM.

ROYAL EAGLE LODGE NO. 96, BRO. W. G. ANDERSON, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, MADE THE GREATEST SHOWING OF ANY OF THE LODGES—ALMOST FIVE HUNDRED OF ITS MEMBERS WERE IN THE PARADE AND IT HAD THE RIGHT OF WAY IN IT WITH OLD GLORY, OR THE AMERICAN FLAG, GENTLY FLOATING TO THE BREEZES.

THE SERVICES WERE HELD AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FIFTY-THIRD AND SOUTH DEARBORN STREETS; BROTHER M. H. JACKSON, WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 1, ABLY SERVED AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

Sunday, June 26, was a great day among the white and colored Masons throughout the United States, for it is known and observed as St. John's Day, and it is always celebrated by the members of the Masonic lodges in marching through the streets to some church where services are held in the afternoon of that day, therefore, the following lodges among the Free and Accepted Masons fittingly observed and celebrated St. John's Day: North Star No. 1, John Jones No. 7, Hiram No. 14, Mt. Hebron No. 29, Western Light No. 30, Prince Hall No. 52, Garden City No. 59, Eureka No. 64, Universal No. 65, Oriental No. 68, Doric No. 77, Harmony No. 88, Corner Stone No. 91, Olive Branch No. 94, Royal Eagle No. 96, East Gate No. 98. Our invited guests: T. H. Samuels, M. W. G. M.; R. G. Bell, G. P.; J. B. Hart, G. J.; S. B. Walkup, R. E. G. C. of Knight Templar; Sister Louise U. Webb, D. D. G. Matron; Mrs. Rosa Fouché, M. A. G. M. of the Heroine of Jericho; Fred Harding, D. G. H. Priest; J. D. Reynolds, Commander-in-Chief of Western Consistory No. 28. Lodges: Jeppha No. 90, Mt. Moriah No. 29, Tyree No. 70, Golden Gate No. 43, Monarch No. 97, King David, U. D.

Not far from five thousand members of the Blue Lodges in full Masonic dress assembled at Masonic Hall, 40th and States streets, and they presented a most wonderful sight to behold, the most worshipful grand master of the most worshipful-Prince Hall grand lodge of Illinois and its jurisdiction, Bro. Thomas H. Samuels with his provisional grand lodge was in full charge. The members of his staff consisted of J. E. Bish, P. G. M.; J. Dodson, S. W.; R. J. Madison, S. B.; M. Covington, S. S.; Charles H. Willis, S. S.; Phil Williams, J. P.; H. Wigley, G. S. B.; Samuel Mathews, grand marshal, and Gus Brantly, grand tyler.

The line of march was south on State street from the Masonic hall to 41st east on that street to Wabash avenue, south on Wabash to 50th street, west on 50th to Dearborn street, south on Dearborn street to 53rd street to St. Mary's A. M. E. church. The five thousand members of the craft were escorted by the Western Consistory, Commandery, Arabic Temple A. E. A. O. N. M. S. and was led by Harmony band No. 88, K. T. band and Corner Stone band.

Royal Eagle Lodge No. 96, under the leadership of its worshipful master, Bro. W. G. Anderson, had almost five hundred of its members in the parade and as it made the greatest showing on that occasion by having the greatest number of its members lined up in the parade it had the right of way or occupied the place of honor in it. Each and every one of its members wore high silk black hats, long Prince Albert black coats with trousers to match and white carnations in the lapel of their coats, and they marched along with their heads erect, looking straight ahead like well

trained soldiers; there was no loud talking on their part nor shouting or waving their hands at someone whom they happened to know standing on the sidewalk. All along the line of march the people exclaimed there is no end to the Royal Eagles, for by marching three abreast and four feet apart they stretched out more than three blocks long, as the Royal Eagles followed close behind the first band, their color bearer held Old Glory or the American flag aloft and all along the line of march, fully ten thousand people, removed their hats as it passed by floating gently in the June breeze.

At no time in the past have the colored Masons in this city made the fine showing like unto St. John's Day, 1921.

Not over seven or eight hundred of the five thousand Masons stuck their heads into St. Mary's Church, for it was far too small for any use for an occasion of that kind. The services should have been held at the Eighth Regiment Armory and if it would have been impossible to secure it, then the services should have been held at Masonic Hall, for it will hold as many and possibly more people than St. Mary's Church, for thousands of the Masons were forced to stand around in the boiling hot sun on the outside of the church or wander on back to their homes long before the services had been concluded in the church.

The following program was rendered:

Entry selection, St. Mary's A. M. E. choir; invocation, Bro. M. C. Dotson; selection, church choir; introduction of master of ceremonies, Chairman R. W. Maxwell; M. H. Jackson, worshipful master of North Star lodge No. 1, master of ceremonies; Our Masonic Duty, Bro. W. H. Perry; solo, Sister Rosa Fouché; a presentation, T. H. Samuels, G. M.; selection, W. H. Thompson's orchestra, Harmony lodge No. 88; offering, choir; sermon, Rev. John R. Harvey; presentations by master of ceremonies; benediction.

The officers of the general committee were as follows: R. W. Maxwell, chairman; Victor Thompson, vice chairman; H. T. McCoy, treasurer; L. W. McAllister, secretary.

Committee on program: W. H. Perry, chairman; Lee Thompson, J. W. Smith, J. H. DeJordan, C. B. Henderson, M. H. Jackson, master of ceremonies.

Committee on place: Bro. Chas. Devine, chairman; W. J. Libscomb, Bail Christmon, W. H. Perry, J. Miles.

Committee on music: Bail Christmon, chairman; William Arthur, Van Pelt, Joe Ray, Sam J. Henderson, F. O. Finney, chief usher.

Printing committee: J. E. Crane, chairman; S. E. Pointer, E. H. Daniels, J. J. Walker, J. Miles.

Decorating committee: A. Abadie. The choir was presented with a small bag of money for its fine singing and Sister Rosa Fouché received

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GRAND MASTER VISITS CAIRO AND RESTORES WARRANT TO CARRIER MILLS LODGE.

Seven Lodges Join in St. John's Day Celebration. Four Buying Property.

Past Grand Master, Martin Given Jewel. T. H. Samuels Given Reception.

(Special to The Broad Ax)

One of the most memorable events in the history of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois and Jurisdiction was the visit of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas H. Samuels, to the lodges in southern Illinois. Seven lodges congregated at Cairo Saturday evening, June 18th, and tendered him a reception at the home of the Past Grand Master, A. A. Martin, 1200 Cedar Street.

At 2:00 P. M. Sunday, June 19th, about one hundred and fifty Masons congregated at Ionia Lodge Hall and marched to the Baptist Church where Devine St. John's Day serv-